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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Basic and Geographic Intelligence

SUBJECT : Geography Division Comments on Proposed
Country Seminars

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1. We can enthusiastically endorse Mr. Colby's suggestion for country-oriented seminars. The participants would learn much, both about the country and about each other's expertise, or lack thereof.

2. The proposed seminars would be more productive, I believe, if a few papers were presented by at least some of the participants. The papers should be designed to highlight one or more significant activities or intelligence problem in the subject country. For example, if the country were Brazil, the OBGI participant could give a short paper on the environmental problems inherent in the various developmental projects in which Brazil is involved. The OER specialist could discuss the financial capability of Brazil to pull off such schemes and the effect such projects may have on the country's economy. Other specialists could speak to whatever is within their ken. I think such a structured approach would be more profitable than merely having a general Country Sensitivity Session.

3. Also, the classification level should be all-source, rather than Secret as suggested. If discussion is to be free -- as it must to be really worthwhile -- there should be no inhibiting security holds.

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